State Export Certification Fee

Effective July 1, 2012, the State Export Certification Fee described in California Code of Regulations Section 4603(i) will apply to the following:

I. APPLICABLE CERTIFICATES
The fee amount of $5.30/per certificate, will be applied to all applicable export certificates issued by County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC).

WHAT IS AN APPLICABLE CERTIFICATE?
- Federal Export Certificates including Federal Phytosanitary Certificates, Processed Product and Re-Export Certificates issued to meet an importing country’s requirements.
- State Export Certificates including State Phytosanitary Certificates and Certificates of Quarantine Compliance (CQC) issued to meet other state’s importing requirements.

HOW DO I SUBMIT PAYMENT?
Fees for applicable certificates are collected in one of the following ways:
- Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking (PCIT) System: Effective July 1, 2012, PCIT will allow remittance of the State Export Certification Fee directly through the PCIT system.
- Collection by CAC: Fees not remitted through PCIT will be collected by the CAC.

2. MASTER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
An annual fee of $125 (per program) will be charged for participation in “master certificate” programs.

MASTER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT?
Current “Master Certificate” programs include:
- Apple Maggot (CDFA/Arizona)
- Citrus Fruit (CDFA/Arizona)
- Citrus Nursery Stock (CDFA/Arizona)
- Brown Garden Snail (CDFA/Florida/Southern States)
- Red Imported Fire Ant (CDFA/Arizona)
- Whitefly/Scale Insect (CDFA/Arizona)

HOW DO I SUBMIT PAYMENT?
Payment for master certificate program participation should be remitted at the time the certificate is issued and annually thereafter (by January 31 each year) via check made payable to “Department of Food and Agriculture” and mailed to:

Cashier
California Department of Food and Agriculture
PO Box 942872
Sacramento, CA 94271-2872

Payments to CDFA from persons/businesses operating under a master certificate program must be accompanied by a letter stating the name of the shipper listed on the compliance agreement and the compliance agreement number. See attached master certificate program remittance letter template.

Questions regarding the State Export Certification Fee should be directed to James.Lawrence@cdfa.ca.gov.